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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

ARABIA.

HODEIDAH—Status of Plague at Loheia.

Consul Moser reports, May 24:

Since the outbreak of plague at Loheia, officially reported from this consulate May 23, there have been 56 cases with 51 deaths. The disease has not spread beyond Loheia and the surrounding country, a district about 60 miles from Hodeidah. Shipment of hides and other merchandise capable of conveying infection to the United States will be suspended until land and maritime quarantine against arrivals from Loheia is enforced.

BARBADOS.

BRIDGETOWN—Inspection of Vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Le Sueur reports, June 18:

Week ended June 18. Bills of health issued to 8 vessels having an aggregate of 380 in crews and 169 passengers. No quarantinable diseases were reported during the week.

CHINA.

AMOY—Epidemic Plague—Inspection of Vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Morehead reports, May 17, 27, and 31:

Plague has increased rapidly in Amoy, the average number of deaths occurring daily being from 10 to 15 (population 96,000). In 2 Chinese families numbering 8 persons and occupying the same house there were 7 deaths from pneumonic plague within a few days. Plague and cholera are reported epidemic in Swatow, a port 13 miles distant from Amoy. All regular coast steamships running between Hongkong and Amoy call at Swatow. There is a very large coolie traffic between Amoy and Swatow and the Straits Settlements, an average of 60,000 to 70,000 coolie passengers leaving Amoy for the Straits Settlements every year. During the month of April, 1910, 13,760 coolies left Amoy for Singapore. The port health officer at Singapore reports 2 cases of plague occurring among coolies arriving in April. The government of the Straits Settlements has declared Amoy an infected port.

There has been practically no rainfall in this province (Fukien) during the current year and the great majority of wells and other water supplies have failed. The people are drinking every kind of stagnant and polluted water.